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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

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1. On 17 April 1967, two meetings were held at NPIC to determine the need for data matrix blocks for the sensors of the SR-71 system. The meetings were the result of conferences attended by NPIC personnel at [REDACTED] in response to a request by [REDACTED] for NPIC to determine its need for a data block.

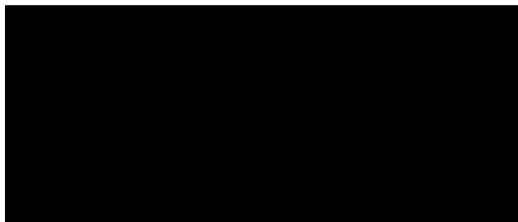
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2. The first meeting, held in the morning, was for the purpose of collating the information from [REDACTED] and agreeing upon the preliminary position that the Center should take as a preparation for the second meeting which was to be held with representatives of [REDACTED] the Pentagon. The following people participated in the first meeting:

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3. As a result of the first meeting, it was agreed that the following points should represent a Center position concerning the data block:

a. The NPIC supports the Air Force in that a data block is required. We prefer the MIL-STD-782 format with 6 by 32 bit arrays.

b. The NPIC also requires the MRS because it is redundant, it provides a back-up to the data block, and it provides more information.

c. The recorded information should not be separated between the two systems.

d. It is not possible for NPIC to submit requirements for the information content of the data block on MRS at this time. More information must be obtained concerning the sensors and vehicle attitude.

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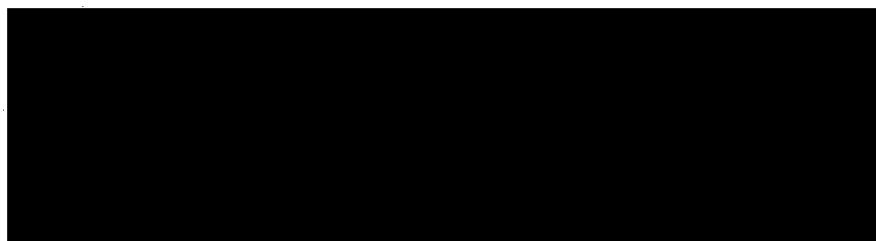
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e. More meetings between representatives of NPIC and the Air Force are required, but it is recommended that such be delayed a month or two to give the Air Force and SAC a chance to identify the problems and analyze the situation.

5. The second meeting was held in the afternoon for the purpose of determining more specifics of the Air Force requirements and of obtaining information concerning future plans and chain of events. The following were present:

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(PAG representatives did not attend but were not required since their requirements were discussed at the first meeting.)

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6. [REDACTED] purpose in attending the meeting was to become acquainted with the problems and requirements attendant to the MRS (SC&DM), the ANS and the data block. He plans to request proposals for the data block in June and estimates a lead time of about two years for development of the hardware. He prefers the MIL-STD-782 format with 6 by 32 bit arrays but has yet to determine the information content of the block. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that the NPIC detailed requirements could not be determined until more is known of the parameters of the sensors and the vehicle. [REDACTED] will coordinate the proposals and the contract with us.

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7. [REDACTED] was principally concerned with obtaining NPIC support to the need for a data block. The NPIC representatives assured him that NPIC needs the data block and also needs the MRS from the ANS. Hopefully, a way will be found to correlate the MRS with the film which cannot now be done. When [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] how he wanted the NPIC position on the data block submitted, he said that he preferred a cable to be submitted by 20 April. Before the meeting was adjourned, it was agreed that NPIC should wait a month or more before requesting another meeting with the [REDACTED] Air Force Base SR-71 representatives in order to give them time to study the situation and determine the problems and requirements. It is estimated that such a meeting on details would require about a week.

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8. Following the meeting, [REDACTED] prepared the [REDACTED] cable, OUT 61808, which was coordinated with PAG, TID, TDS/DS, IPD, OPS and [REDACTED] all of whom concurred. The cable was sent to the [REDACTED] Air Force Base.

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